Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) released the following statement on the latest developments in Egypt:

"What we witnessed this morning was an historic development – the first opportunity in decades for the Egyptian people to determine their own course as a nation," said Rep. Braley. "I sincerely hope that in the wake of this news America will do its part to help provide an opportunity for a peaceful and democratic process of reform and power transition in Egypt.

"America and Egypt have enjoyed a long and friendly relationship – one that I sincerely hope we can continue as Egypt has been a crucial partner in stabilizing the Middle East and promoting peaceful relations in the region."

Last week, Rep. Braley worked with the State Department and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America to ensure the safe departure of two lowans who were working as missionaries in Egypt.